DTC earnings during February, 1986

176. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the average daily earning of the DTC on 9th, 10th and 11th February, 1986;

(b) whether there has been any decline in the earnings on any of these days;

(c) whether the recent hike in bus fare has resulted in the said decline; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The following is the position of traffic earnings on 9-2-86 10-2-86 and 11-2-86:—

Date	Total Traffic Earnings (Rs. in lakhs)	Total Kms. operated (in lakhs)	Number of passengers carried (in lakhs)
9-2-86 (Sunday)	26.47	9.34	25.73
10-2-86 (Monday) (Delhi Bandh)	18.48	10.20	18.82
11-2-86 (Tuesday)	34.14	11.14	35.51

(b) to (d) There was decline in the earnings on Sunday as well as on Monday the 9th, 10th February, 1986 for reasons other than the hike in fare charges. On 9th February, 1986, the short-fall in traffic earnings was mainly due to it being a 'Holiday' both for commercial establishments as well as for Government offices. this day was also a rainy day As regards decline on 'Delhi Bandh' day (10th ebruary 1986), there was less traffic demand. It was also a rainy day. The 11th was a normal working day and hence traffic earnings picked up.

Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the UGC

177. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1721 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th March, 1986 and state by when the post of Vice-Chairman of the University Grants Commission is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The appointment of the Vice- Chairman, University Grants Commission is at the final stages of consideration.

Affairs of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta

178. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of the eminent academicians recently called on the Prime Minister and submitted a memorandum drawing his attention about certain serious maladies that are eating into the vitals of the Asiatic Society located in Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the main points of the memorandum and what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No such delegation has met the Prime Minister However a memorandum was received in the Prime Minister's Office on 1st April,

1986 regarding the affairs of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta.

(b) The main points of the memorandum relate to:

(1) The present academic activities of library and other collections, publication programme, research activities etc;

(2) Administrative problems; and

(3) A proposal to extend the tenure of the Society's Council.

The memorandum is under examination.

Urine Therapy

179. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Times of India' of the 19th January, 1986 that human urine is one of the best medicines for treatment of any infectious disease of the eyes; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government's attention has been drawn to a claim appearing in 'Times of India' of 19th January, 1986 on Urine Cure for Eye Infection by an Agency called the Institute of Indian System of Medicine and Treatment. Government has so far not conducted any such trials.

Train accident near Patna

180. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 67 Up Kathihar-Barauni passenger train dashed against the rear of 85 Up Assam Mail at Khagaria Railway Station near Patna during the second week of March, 1986;

(b) if so, the number of passenger killed and injured as a result of this accident;

(c) what were the causes of the accident; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted and if so, the outcome thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No passenger died as a result of this accident. One peson suffered grievous injuries and 38 got simple injuries. 185 persons are reported to have suffered trivial injuries who were discharged after first-aid.

(c) and (d) This accident has been enquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety and as per his findings, the accident was caused due to the Driver of 567 Up passenger disregarding the Up Home Signal.

भोपाल तथा बीना के बीच पुलों का चौड़ा किया जाना

181. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भोपाल तथा बीना के बीच नदियों पर कितने ऐसे पुल हैं जिनका दोहरी रेल लाइनों के कारण दोहरीकरण करने की आवश्यकता है ; और

(ख) इन पुलों के अब तक चौड़ा न करने के क्या कारण हैं तथा इनका दोहरीकरण कब तक कर लिया जायेगा ?

परिवहन मंत्री (श्री बंशी लाल) (क) दो ।

(ख) फिलहाल, इन पुलों को दोहरे रेलपथ के लिए चौड़ा करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । दोहरे रेलपथ की सुविधा के लिए पुलों को चौड़ा करना वहां होने वाले यातायात के स्तर पर निर्भर करता है। यातायात के वर्तमान स्तर को देखते हुए